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were to attempt to make darkness light before you and crooked things straight, I would suggest the following:

"First, That capital punishment be restored and that the certainty thereof in proper cases be not permitted to be interfered with by forces outside of the officials having the matter in charge.

"Secondly, That the power to pardon or parole be thoroughly circumscribed, at least by requiring public hearing and public statement of the reasons for granting the same, and that suspended sentences be limited very strictly to minor offenses and first offenders.

"Thirdly, That we recognize the necessity and seek to provide for statewide co-ordination of the agencies for detecting and suppressing crime and criminals, in order to catch up with the 98 out of every 100 who are now said to escape.

"Fourthly, That the scientific aspect of the problem be acknowledged by the employment of psychiatrists to be located at penal institutions, in order that their theories may be experimentally tried out first upon the human derelicts; and that as the call upon the experts' time is reduced, or the available number is increased, they be utilized in the trial of persons before the courts, in the hope that guesswork and the privately employed expert witness may both be eliminated.

"Fifthly, That the educational programs of civic and fraternal organizations, as they may relate to this subject, be founded and grounded upon a firm faith in the home as a fundamental institution of civilized society.

"Sixthly, That civic and fraternal organizations be urged to pledge themselves to a continuing, earnest and sincere effort to circumscribe and keep within due bounds the multitudinous penal regulations of the States and the Nation, eliminating where elimination is feasible, and preventing the addition of new and pestiferous inhibitions that only make legal criminals out of otherwise morally upright citizens.

"Naturally, no layman's program should be held up as all-inclusive, neither may it be expected to elicit maximum support or to have maximum effect unless it be co-ordinated with the plans and proposals of State and National Bar Associations, whose collective conclusions should be more freely recognized as representative of ability and desire to render a high type of public service. Nevertheless, even after legal, medical and mental experts have diagnosed and prognosed, after enforcement agencies have been co-ordinated for detection and detention, after codes and procedural methods have been simplified and standardized, and after all the reasonably expectable results have been realized therefrom, there still remains the far vaster opportunity for preventive accomplishment through the quickened consciences of ordinary folks, and that quickening appears achievable only by and through revitalized moral and spiritual teaching and training."

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